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STAFF NOTES

The Organization Meeting of the Interim Staff of the Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center was held on December 10, 1973, and elected a Steering Committee. Officers are Dr. Clifford G. Vernick, president; Dr. W. Richard Covert, vice president; and Dr. Michael Ufberg, secretary. Other members are Dr. George W. Hartzell, Dr. Gerard A. McDonough and Dr. Headley S. White, Jr.

The Steering Committee has met twice, recruited volunteers for additional committee assignments, and made the following appointments:

Bylaws Committee

Howard A. Silverman, M.D.*
Robert F. Brennen, M.D.
Dominic A. Donio, M.D.
Harry Kaupp, M.D.

Ex Officio:
W. Richard Covert, D.D.S.
Clifford G. Vernick, M.D.

Credentials Committee

Walter J. Okunski, M.D.**
Paul G. Panas, M.D.**
James W. Esler, M.D.

Herbert L. Hyman, M.D.
James Sheets, M.D.
Kenneth Weston, M.D.

Medical Library Committee

Dean F. Dimick, M.D.*
Edward Burkhard, M.D.
George W. Hartzell, M.D.
Peter Keblish, M.D.

Peter Knibbe, M.D.
Marvin Z. Kurlan, M.D.
George Moerkirk, M.D.
Sister M. Salesiana, M.S.C.

Medical Records Committee

Francis S. Kleckner, M.D.*
Andre Maquera, M.D.
Russell Puschak, M.D.
George S. Smith, M.D.
Mr. Frank Blaise

Mr. Matthias D. Maguire
Mrs. Bernadette Phillips
Miss Ora K. Phillips
Mrs. Deborah Van Omen
Mr. Robert H. Zentz

(* Denotes Chairman

** Denotes Co-Chairman)

Additional committees will be appointed as the need arises.

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Medical Staff Organization - Who's Eligible? All members of the
staffs at Sacred Heart Hospital and the Allentown Hospital are eligible
to apply for membership on the staff of the Hospital Center. Both staff
secretaries have applications and we encourage you to apply if you plan
to become a Hospital Center staff member.

All applications must be processed with the same concern and consid-
eration as would be given to a new applicant to the Allentown or Sacred
Heart staffs. For legal reasons, our files must show that customary
procedures and precautions were followed in the appointment process.

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Medical Staff Organization (continued)

Since the Hospital Center's general beds will be equally divided for the care of Sacred Heart patients and Allentown patients, and except in an emergency and for chiefs of service and house officers, only physicians with membership on the Allentown staff will be able to admit to an Allentown bed and to treat Allentown patients and only physicians with membership on the Sacred Heart staff will be able to admit to a Sacred Heart bed and to treat Sacred Heart patients. To facilitate admissions and to maximize our occupancy, it is therefore desirable that all physicians who plan to admit, care for or treat patients at the Hospital Center have membership on both the Allentown staff and the Sacred Heart staff, as well the Hospital Center staff. If you do not have joint membership, you are urged to apply.

The Medical Staff Bylaws Committee is working on draft bylaws which could be adopted by the three staffs. The bylaws are written to be permissive and to encourage horizontal committees between the three hospitals, and to accept attendance at conferences and meetings anywhere within the three-hospital complex as meeting the attendance requirements for continued staff membership.

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An On-Site Professional Building? There's been a great deal of speculation about the possibility of a professional building being constructed on the site of the Hospital Center. The subject was aired at a recent meeting of the governing board's Executive Committee. It was agreed there that serious consideration will be given to such a project, but no action can be taken until the Hospital Center is a going institution and has established patterns of usage.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

DR. SAMUEL M. LERNER has been appointed Chief of Anesthesiology at the Allentown Hospital and Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center. Dr. Lerner will join the Allentown Hospital staff on or about March 1 and will spend approximately 90% of his time there until the Center opens. At that time, he will share duties at both facilities.

Dr. Lerner has been Director of Anesthesiology and Respiratory Care at Philadelphia's Episcopal Hospital and an associate professor at Temple University School of Medicine. A 1961 graduate of Amsterdam Medical School, he completed his residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital, was later attending anesthesiologist there, and was an assistant clinical professor at Yale University School of Medicine. He is certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology.

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DR. JOHN J. SHANE has been appointed Chief of Pathology at the Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center. He is Pathologist at St. Agnes Hospital, Philadelphia. Prior to the opening of the Hospital Center, he will serve in a consulting capacity.

Dr. Shane is a graduate of Hahnemann Medical College where he also completed a four-year residency and served as a clinical assistant professor in pathology. He is board certified in Pathologic Anatomy

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CONGRATULATIONS ...

are in order for Dr. Raymond Seckinger on his election to the presidency of the Lehigh County Medical Society. In that position, he has been invited to attend the monthly meetings of the Board of Directors of Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center.

In two weeks, look for UPDATE NO. 3!

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